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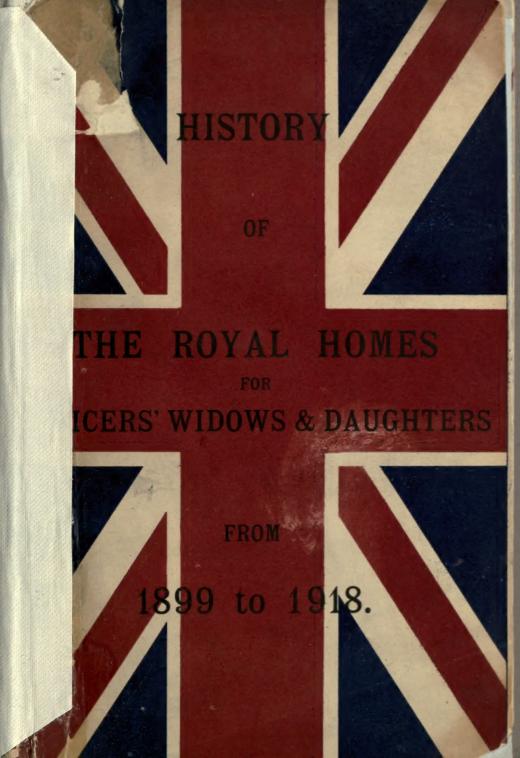
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(WITH ILLUSTRATIONS)

FROM 1899 TO 1918.



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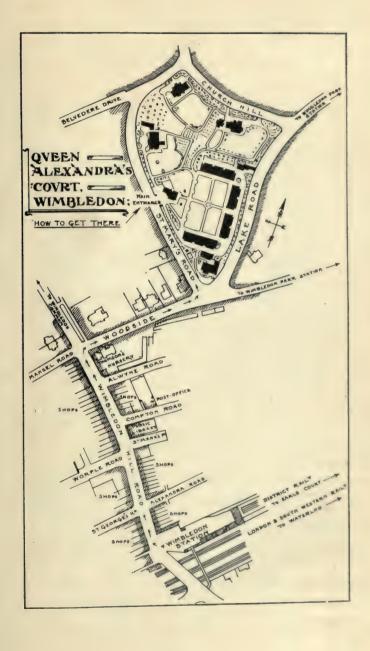
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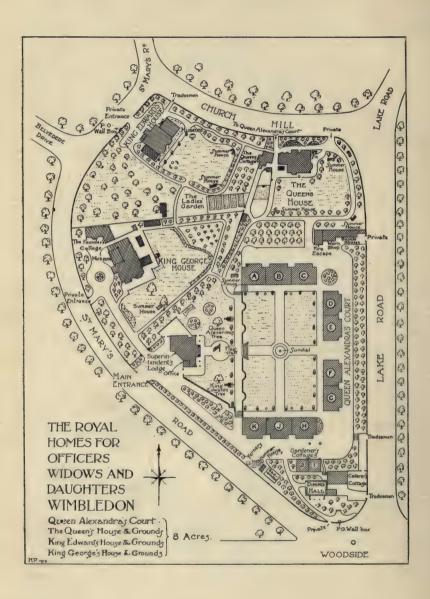
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## THE OFFICERS' BRANCH.

In 1886, on the suggestion of The Chairman, the Officers' Branch was formed, with the object of aiding the Widows and Children of Officers of all Branches of the United Service—

Primarily—By helping in the education of Officers' children either by payment or purchase into existing Schools and Institutions; and

Secondly—By temporarily aiding with small grants, as funds will admit, necessitous Officers' widows.

# Extract from a letter from the Duke of Connaught to Colonel Gildea.

Bombay, 3rd April, 1887.

The formation of an "Officers' Branch" of the Association is a great thing, and will, I am certain, prove very useful. I am glad to hear that the Funds of this Branch are to be kept separate.

### 1899.

## Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters.

During the year a suggestion having been privately made by Colonel Gildea to some members of the Council for the establishment of a Home or Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters, and not having met with any sympathy or encouragement on the plea that "no ladies would be likely to avail themselves of such provision," he made the following personal statement at the next meeting of the Council:—

"That he had not, in the past, or would not in the future, take any action which would prejudice them in any matter connected with the Association without having first obtained their approval and sanction; that this, however, did not prevent him, as a private individual, from taking any steps which he considered might be good for the Services in matters outside the Association. He mentioned this because he had long considered more might be done for the widows and daughters of both Services, and that, with that in view, he was about to try and ameliorate their position by endeavouring to provide, under certain conditions, furnished apartments, rent free, in a home or homes. If unsuccessful, the onus would, of course, fall only on himself, but that, if it proved a success, he might probably come to the Council later on and ask them to make the scheme an adjunct to the work of the Association, and thus, if approved, add to its credit and also to its sphere of usefulness."

Shortly after, he made the following appeal to the public through the Press :—  $\,$ 

SIR,

OF the many works initiated and carried on during the last fifty years for the benefit of those connected with the Navy and Army there is, I venture to think, still a missing link, namely, a home or homes for the widows and orphan daughters of Officers of the two Services. None but those who have to do with Naval and Military Funds and Institutions know the distressing cases which are continually coming to light of Officers' widows and daughters who, with very limited incomes, are bravely battling against altered circumstances, and who, from the natural delicacy of their position, seldom make their wants known. To these a home, rent free, would make all the difference in their advancing vears. A few are, by the never-failing thought of Queen Victoria, provided with apartments in Hampton Court Palace and elsewhere, but these are exceptional cases. It is on the system of separate apartments in a home that, I venture to think, some steps might be taken. The object should be, in the first instance at least, to provide unfurnished rooms, say three or four, rent free, subject to certain limitations, for those who have a small but sufficient income for maintenance, but who cannot afford to pay rent and taxes. Later on, if sufficient funds were available, this might, in some special cases, be supplemented by a small allowance. It might be advisable that the home or homes

should be established in or near London, but, in any case, not far from shops, where the necessaries of life can be easily and cheaply obtained. I would therefore earnestly appeal to Officers, both Naval and Military, and all interested in the Services, to co-operate in this movement. A Fund, entitled "Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters," has been opened at Messrs. Coutts & Co., 59, Strand, to which subscriptions may be paid, and I shall be glad to receive and acknowledge any such that may be sent to me direct, or to supply any further information that may be desired.

Yours, etc.,

JAMES GILDEA, Colonel.

23, Queen Anne's Gate, 24th *May*, 1899.

The result of the above was so spontaneous and liberal that, in the early part of 1900, the scheme was adopted by the Council as an adjunct of the Association, a small Committee formed with Colonel Gildea, Chairman, and one staircase (exclusively for Officers' widows and daughters), containing twelve suites of rooms, rented in Elm Park Mansions, Chelsea, to which twelve ladies were elected under the following conditions, viz.: That applicants must not be under 50, nor more than 80 years of age, and must have an assured income of not less than £40 and not more than £100 per annum.

On the conclusion of the South African War the Chairman made the following further Appeal to the Press, to Officers Commanding Regiments and Officers Commanding Ships.

COPY OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE PRESS

SIR,

In 1899 a scheme was initiated for the benefit of the widows and unmarried daughters (whose incomes do not exceed £100 per annum) by the provision of apartments, rent free, on the same system as those at Hampton Court and Kensington Palaces are graciously granted by the King.

Sufficient funds were then privately subscribed to provide for twelve ladies, and the widows and daughters of four Officers of the rank of General, two of Colonels, two of Commanders, and four of Captains were temporarily accommodated.

So much having been done during the war, not only for the wives and families of Soldiers and Sailors, but for the men themselves (this Association alone having given in relief close on one million and a quarter pounds to the former), it is felt that more should now be done to make some better provision for the widows and daughters of Officers in their declining years.

In view of the recent laudable efforts of the War Office (in reducing Officers' expenses, etc.) to attract to the army as a profession men of smaller means, there may, in the future, arise an increased necessity for providing for the widows and daughters of Officers, especially of those killed in action at an early period of their career.

There are, at the present time, over 90 candidates waiting election, and there is little doubt that as the scheme becomes more generally known the numbers will be largely increased.

In consequence of the high rent demanded for suitable apartments, and the uncertainty of their tenure, it has been decided at once to make a commencement by building, as funds are forthcoming, suites of self-contained apartments on a very desirable freehold site which has been obtained at Wimbledon.

The benefit of a free home, with no anxiety as to rent and taxes, to those who have a small but barely sufficient income for maintenance cannot be overrated. Those only who are connected with Naval and Military Funds and Institutions know of the distressing cases which are continually coming to light of Officers' widows and daughters who, from the natural delicacy of their position, seldom make their wants known, but who are bravely battling against their altered position, in most cases brought about through circumstances over which they had no control, and for which they were in no way responsible.

I have also to announce that it has the entire approval of the Queen, and Her Majesty has contributed the sum of five thousand pounds to its extension out of her War Fund.

The Council confidently appeals both to the public and the Services on their behalf.

Contributions crossed "Coutts & Co." and made payable to me as Treasurer of the Officers' Branch of the Association will be thankfully received and acknowledged, and any further information supplied that may be desired.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant.

JAMES GILDEA.

23, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, S.W., 5th June, 1903. Chairman and Treasurer.

COPY OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO OFFICERS COMMANDING REGIMENTS.

DEAR SIR,

I venture to ask for your kind perusal of the enclosed particulars of a scheme for the benefit of the Widows and Daughters of Officers who have been left with limited means. Special efforts are now being made to provide them with small suites of separate and self-contained apartments rent free, this being considered the best way of assisting these ladies, as one involving no loss of self-respect.

Officers generally, I well know, are not in a position to subscribe largely to any movement, but there are many who are always able and willing to do so to the best of their power for any good cause in connection with the Services.

The Officers of several regiments have already supported the object, some in Donations, some in Annual Subscriptions, from their Mess Fund, and it is thought that in this way, or by officers collectively, many would be glad, on the subject being brought to their notice, to make an Annual Contribution either direct or by Banker's Order.

May I ask for your kind interest and that of your officers in the matter?

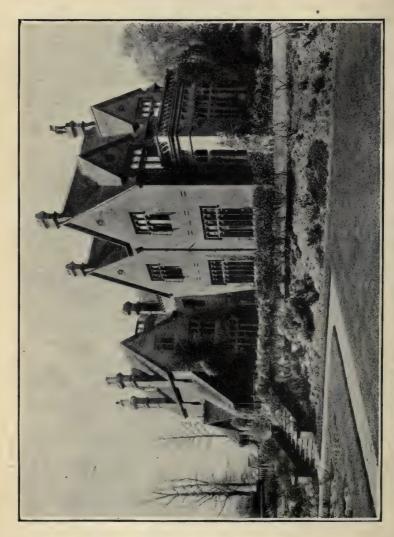
Yours truly, JAMES GILDEA.

SIMILAR LETTER ADDRESSED TO OFFICERS COMMANDING SHIPS, with the following addition:—

"I may add that although as yet the movement has received very little support from the Navy, probably from its being little known, of the twelve ladies temporarily provided for in 1899, five are the Widows or Daughters of Naval Officers, and of the

BROGHILL, WIMBLEDON, NOW QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S HOME FOR OFFICERS' WIDOWS

90 candidates for election when the buildings are completed, 28 are those of Naval Officers."



Later, he reported that he had inspected some 50 properties in the neighbourhood of London, and strongly advised that a freehold mansion in Wimbledon Park, known as Broghill, the

property of the late Captain Cecil Boyd, Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, killed in South African War, 1899–1901, with grounds of 3½ acres, be purchased.

This being approved and purchased for the sum of £6,500, and, after selling the mansion and fittings to a housebreaker for £450, building operations for the erection of 60 suites of self-contained apartments for so many residents, exclusive of their relations, were commenced on the 2nd September.

# DIVISION OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS TO THE OFFICERS' BRANCH FROM COUNTY BRANCHES.

In connection with the Chairman's letter of the 5th June, several Branches of the Association expressed a desire to remit part of their balances towards this object. As, however, the general Funds were subscribed for the wives and families of the men themselves, the Chairman, as Treasurer, refused to accept such, his action being confirmed by counsel's opinion. Several Counties—Kent, for instance, at the suggestion of the Countess Stanhope—Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, and others, invited the annual subscribers in their Counties, in the future, to divide their subscriptions equally between the General Fund and the Officers' Branch, for which they had a perfect right to do without any such objection as above being raised.

# LORD MAYOR NEWTON'S DISCRETIONARY FUND AND THE OFFICERS' BRANCH.

Later on in the year, there being also a balance left from the Lord Mayor's (Sir Alfred Newton) Discretionary Fund, Sir Alfred, cordially approved of the sum of £20,000 being transferred to the Officers' Branch, but before accepting the same, the Honorary Solicitors, Messrs. Boyce & Son, and Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Drury, Thurgood & Co., were consulted, giving it as their opinion that the Council would be acting fully within their rights in accepting the same on receipt of a letter from Sir Alfred Newton, and passing a resolution to that effect, both of which were done.

## OFFICERS' BRANCH AND THE HOMES' FUND.

The question of the inadvisability of continuing to have two separate Funds and accounts of the Officers' Branch, it having

been pointed out that both the original Officers' Branch and the Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters were virtually for the same object, viz., to aid, by grants or other means, necessitous Officers' widows and daughters, the Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and on the advice of counsel, resolved that the two Funds should be amalgamated.

### 1904.

At the Annual Meeting of the Association on the 9th June, the Chairman read the following message he had received from Queen Alexandra:—

"Let me wish you every success for our meeting to-day, on behalf of our Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association.

"May I also express the hope that it will take into special consideration our new work of the Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters, which is at present surrounded by many difficulties and anxieties, and which is most essential for the welfare of so many, whose brave Husbands and Fathers have laid down their lives for their country.

"ALEXANDRA."

The buildings, commenced on 2nd September last year, having made rapid progress, the twelve ladies, who had been in residence at Elm Park Mansions, Chelsea, since 1900, were moved and took possession of the first block, and twelve more elected, and went into residence in the second block, with the hope that the two large blocks to accommodate twenty-four each would be ready for occupation early in the following year.

A lodge for the Superintendent, consisting of a sitting room, two bedrooms, kitchen and office on the Upper Terrace, on the site of the old mansion, with a loggia in front facing the quadrangle and overlooking the lawns, were also put in the hands of the contractors.

## 1905.

This year will be for ever memorable as that in which Their Majesties King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra, on 15th July,



ENTRANCE: QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S COURT.
THE SUPERINTENDENT'S LODGE.

were present at the opening of the Homes, which, after the buildings had been begun, the Queen desired should be known as "Queen Alexandra's Court."

Their Majesties, accompanied by the Princess Victoria and the Duke of Sparta, drove in semi-state from Buckingham Palace, being received by Colonel Sir James Gildea (Chairman) and Members of the Committee.

On the arrival of their Majesties, the Guard of Honour presented arms, the band played the National Anthem, and the Royal Standard was run up on the flagstaff.

On reaching the wicket gate leading to the Upper Terrace, the Chairman presented the Queen with a golden key\* with which Her Majesty opened the gate and declared "The Homes opened."

Their Majesties then proceeded to the front of the loggia facing the quadrangle and overlooking the lawns, at the back of which was hung the house flag† of the Homes.

Here the King received from the Chairman the following address, ‡ and handed to him in return His Majesty's reply.

#### "MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTIES :-

"I am deputed by the Committee especially appointed for this work to express our humble and grateful thanks to your Majesties for your gracious presence here this afternoon to open these Homes for the Widows and Daughters of your Majesty's Naval and Military Forces who have been left with but scanty provision for their maintenance.

"The great need for such homes was little known or realised when, five years ago, twelve ladies were temporarily provided for in apartments, rent free, in Chelsea, by a member of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association and his friends. The extension of the scheme, its present location, and the buildings now erected for sixty ladies and their families is largely due to your Majesties' never-failing sympathy and personal support in everything connected with the well-being of all ranks of the Services.

"Her Majesty, knowing the benefits already derived by the twelve ladies referred to, of their testimony to the relief to their

<sup>\*</sup> The key was designed, manufactured, and supplied free of charge by the Goldsmiths' Alliance Company, of 112, Regent Street, W.

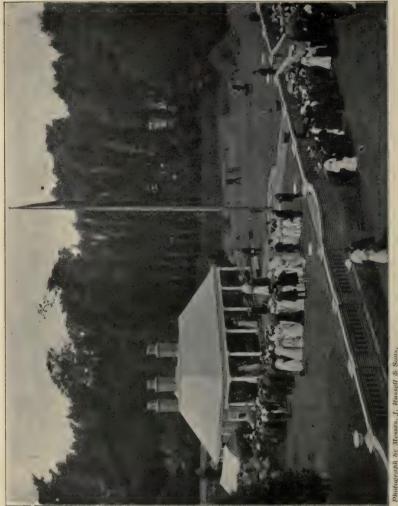
<sup>†</sup> The flag is dark blue with a red border; in the centre of the blue ground Queen Alexandra's monogram under an Imperial Crown; on the red border the letters "S.S.F.A." (Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association), one letter on each of the four sides of the flag.

<sup>‡</sup> Engrossed and supplied free of charge by Messrs. Blades, East and Blades, of 23, Abchurch Lane, E.C.



very small incomes from the payment of rent, rates and taxes, most generously devoted the Coronation gift of ten thousand pounds presented to Her Majesty by Mr. Lucas Tooth to the

extension of the scheme, as also subsequently making a grant of five thousand pounds from the balance of Her Majesty's private War Fund. Further, through Her Majesty's interest, a sum of



ten thousand pounds was obtained from the part balance of a fund specially subscribed during the late war for the families of Officers.

"With Her Majesty's support and that of other contributors, we are glad to be able to inform your Majesties that the buildings now erected, and the freehold property of three acres and a half on which they stand, have all been paid for, and that we start these Homes clear of any debt or liability, the upkeep being provided for by annual subscriptions chiefly of officers on the active and retired lists.

"If evidence were wanted as to the necessity for such provision, and the benefits conferred, it is found in the number of further applicants (now over one hundred and daily increasing) for admission to the Homes, and your Majesties' presence here this afternoon is not only a gracious recognition and approval of what, so far, we have been permitted, by God's help, to accomplish, but will also, we trust, be an incentive to others to come forward, either with land, donations, or subscriptions, to extend the scheme for the benefit of so many more, most of whom will otherwise pass the remainder of their years in surroundings of peculiar hardships for ladies of their position.

"JAMES GILDEA,

" Chairman."

### The King's Reply.

"I thank you heartily for your Address.

"It has given the Queen and myself great pleasure to come here to-day to open these Homes. The excellent work done by this Institution in assisting the widows and daughters of those who have served in my Navy and Army has always had our most cordial sympathy.

"The Queen desires me to thank you for your references to the help which she was enabled to give towards the extension of this work, and to say that she observes with special satisfaction its continuous growth and its present sound position.

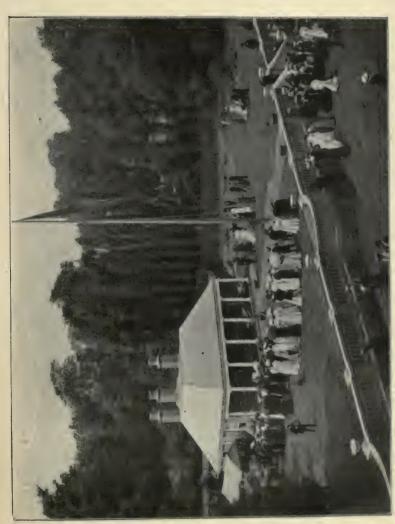
"I congratulate you on the success which you have attained and I trust that your efforts, which have already borne such good fruit, may receive the support needed for the continuation and the desired development of your work."

The Queen then handed the Chairman a sealed envelope containing a cheque for six thousand pounds, and the following holograph letter:—

"I have great pleasure in announcing to you that I was left, through the generosity of the late Mr. Charles Lear, six thousand pounds, which I now divide equally between these Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association.

"A."

The Royal party then crossed on to the lawn, where the Queen planted on the left of the flagstaff a copper beech, and from thence their Majesties proceeded round the quadrangle, inspecting some of the apartments on their way.



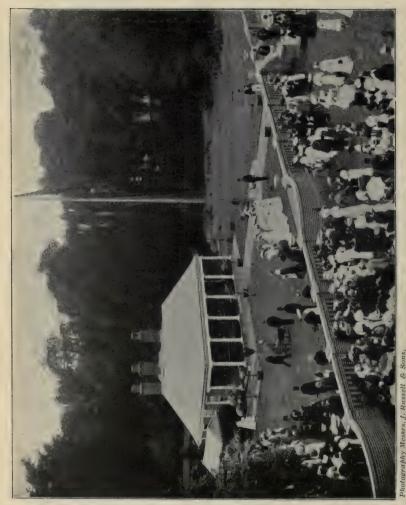
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THE QUEEN PLANTING A TREE.

Photograph by Messres. J. Russell & Sons, INSPECTING THE BUILDINGS.



THE KING AND QUEEN.

On returning to the upper lawn the King planted on the right of the flagstaff a golden elm, and, after spending some little time in conversation with the invited guests, their Majesties and suite



"Road, Wimbledon. THE KING PLANTING A TREE,

proceeded to the office attached to the superintendent's lodge, where, after signing their names in the visitors' book, they reentered their carriages and returned to London.

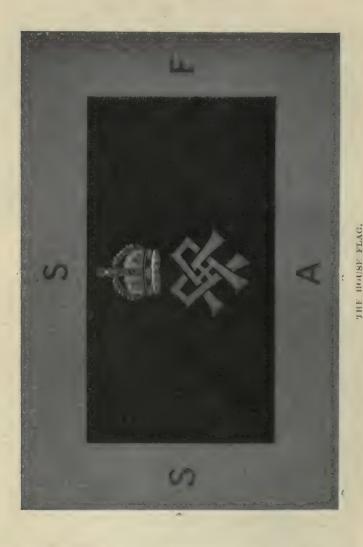




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THE KING AND QUEEN LEAVING.

The house flag was hoisted for the first time in place of the Royal Standard on their Majesties' departure.



The following ladies acted as programme sellers:—Miss Lillian Blewitt, Miss Edith Bradshaw, Miss Fison, Miss Gurney Fox, Miss

Christian Helena Gildea (now Mrs. Geoffrey O'Connor Morris), Miss Wiekham Legg, Miss McCormac, Miss Mackinlay, Miss Jetta Warner, Mrs. Harington Young.

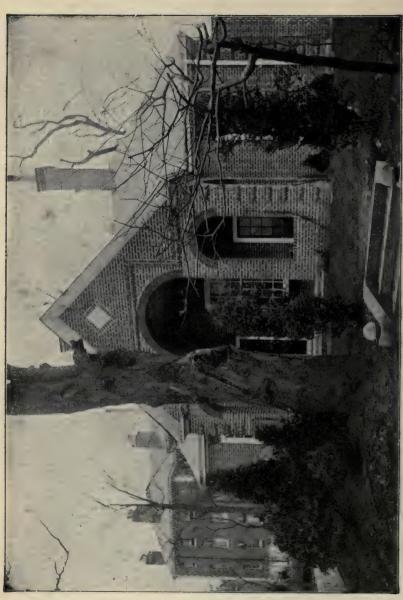
On the following day Colonel Gildea received a letter from the Hon. Sir Sidney R. Greville, K.C.V.O., C.B., the King's Private Secretary, in which he was desired by their Majesties to write and say how very much pleased they were with their visit to the Homes, and to thank him and all those who had to do with the arrangements of their visit and the excellent way in which everything was done, adding, that by desire of the King the Homes should in future be designated "The Royal" Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters.

### 1906.

A further addition was made this year by the erection of a dining hall, kitchen and store room, caterers' quarters, consisting of a sitting-room, two bedrooms and offices, and attached to the dining-hall a reading-room, with weekly and monthly papers and magazines for the use of the residents. A room was also furnished in one of the gardeners' cottages, for the use of visitors to the residents—and a building erected for housing the fire escape ladder. The following was also fixed in the gable over each staircase, and a tablet in the loggia facing the terrace:—



COPPER PANEL IN THE GABLE OVER EACH STAIRCASE, CONTAINING H.M. QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MONOGRAM OF A DOUBLE "A" ENCIRCLED IN A WREATH AND SURMOUNTED BY THE IMPERIAL CROWN.



Photograph by J. Ford Glover, Oakleigh, East Molesey,



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# To the Glory of God.

#### The Royal Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters.

Founded temporarily in Chelsea by Colonel Sir James Gildea in 1899, the Homes were subsequently affiliated to the Officers' Branch of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association.

Through the liberality of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, who devoted a Coronation Gift of ten thousand pounds, and, with the help of other contributors, this property was purchased, and these buildings, containing sixty suites of apartments, were begun in September, 1903, and completed in June, 1905.

The Homes, called, by permission of the Queen, "Queen Alexandra's Court," were opened by their Majesties the King and Queen on the 15th July, 1905.

#### CHAIRMAN.

Colonel Sir James Gildea, C.V.O., C.B.

#### COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Lady Fremantle. Commander H. F. C. Cavendish, Lady Clarke. R.N.

W. Hayes Fisher, Esq., M.P.

Hon. Architects.

Messrs. Ernest George and Yeates. C. E. Lancaster Parkinson, Esq.

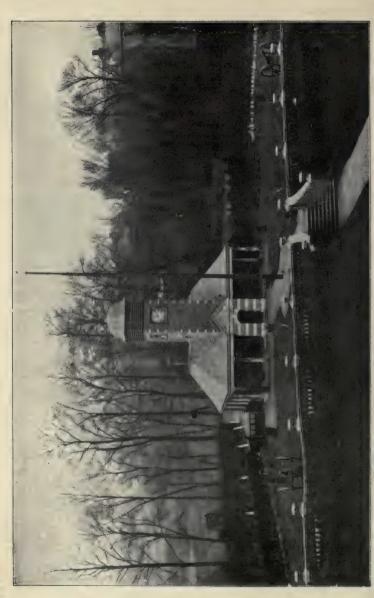
TABLET IN THE WALL OF THE LODGE FACING THE TERRACE.

# 1907.

The Annual Meeting of the Association was this year held for the first time in the Homes, the Duchess of Connaught, accompanied by the Duke of Connaught, presiding, the following speech being made by the Duke:—Sir James Gildea, Ladies and Gentlemen, the Duchess has asked me to be her mouthpiece in thanking you for the very kind manner in which you have received

the vote of thanks to her on this occasion. I thank both General Sir John Maxwell and my old friend Sir Whittaker Ellis for the very kind manner in which they have proposed the vote of thanks. Her Royal Highness, at the request of Her Majesty the Queen, whom we rejoice so much to think takes so deep an interest in the Association, most readily accepted the wish of Her Majesty that she should attend to-day, and I can assure you that it has been a real pleasure to Her Royal Highness to have this opportunity of again showing the deep interest she takes in all connected with anything that can promote the good of the Officers and men and their children of the two Services of the Empire. It is a happy augury that this meeting is held on a day which is very sacred to us, and I am sure to all English people-the birthday of our late beloved Sovereign-and also on a day which is likely, I hope, to go on being revered more and more-I refer to Empire day, the object of which is to promote a greater interest in the growth of our Empire among the rising generation. Ladies and gentlemen, you have heard the different Resolutions proposed, and by the unanimity with which you agreed to those Resolutions I take it that you warmly support the endeavours that have been made to help those who belong to our great Services, and who have a right to expect assistance from those whom they protect. Let the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association go on increasing in the good work they have done in the past. I can assure you I speak from some experience. and I am well aware what would have been the lot of those poor children if this Society had not existed, and I am sure that the widows and orphans of Officers of the Army and Navy who have not been favoured by fortune with the money to enable them to help themselves, feel most deeply and thankfully what has been done and what is being done for them. So let both these good works continue, and they will be appreciated throughout the two Services, not only by those serving at home, but especially by those serving in the distant portions of His Majesty's Empire. (Cheers.)

After the Meeting the Duke and Duchess of Connaught visited the Dining Hall at Queen Alexandra's Court, and Her Royal Highness opened a sale of work on behalf of the Naval and Military Ladies' Work Society.



Photograph by Messra, J. Russell & Sons, 28, Hill Road, Wimbledon.

LODGE AND CLOCK TOWER.

Their Royal Highnesses afterwards inspected one of the suites of ladies' apartments, and then returned to London.

This year a special want was also supplied in the erection of a tower, with clock and Cambridge chimes, over the centre of the loggia facing the terrace and quadrangle, the clock and chimes being supplied by Messrs. Twaites and Reed, the wellknown clockmakers of Bowling Green Lane, Clerkenwell.

# THE CAMBRIDGE CHIMES.



The Cambridge Chimes (more commonly known as "Westminster Chimes") were founded on a phrase in the opening symphony of Handel's Air, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and were arranged by Dr. Crotch for the clock of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, in 1793.

An adjoining freehold property, known as "Edenthorpe," with a mansion and grounds of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres, late the property of Mr. Price, which had been in the market for some time, was purchased towards the close of the year for £3,460, and put in hand for adaptation for three self-contained suites of apartments, with a cottage adjoining, for one resident.

Visits to the Homes were made during the year by the Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll), accompanied by the Duke, Marie, Duchess of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, Duchess of Edinburgh, the Princess Beatrice (then known as Princess Henry of Battenburg).

#### 1908.

On the 22nd February, Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, now Queen Mary, the Princess Victoria and Prince George of Wales, paid a private visit to the Homes, being received by Colonel Gildea, staying over an hour, and inspecting all the new additions, being specially interested in the house and grounds of the adjoining property of Edenthorpe, purchased at the close of the year, towards which Her Majesty contributed £3,000, and which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to request should be known as "The Queen's Home," and the cottage adjoining "The Queen's Cottage," which latter had had a bath room added and fitted up for a resident. Her Majesty at the same time desired that an additional room be added to each floor, the cost of the same being defrayed by a donation of £200 from H.E. Sir Chandra Jung of Nepal to Her Majesty before leaving England.

Towards a further appeal being made to the Home, Her Majesty graciously devoted £500 from the proceeds of "The Queen's Gift Book Fund," and Admiral The Prince and Princess Louise of Battenberg (now the Marquess and Marchioness of Milford

Haven), the profits amounting to £100, of a Quartet Game of "Naval and Military Families," designed by them. With the approval of Her Majesty, General the Right Honourable Sir



THE QUEEN'S HOUSE.

Dighton Probyn, V.C., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.V.O., I.S.O., was appointed a Member of The Royal Homes Committee as representing Her Majesty.

# PLAN OF APARTMENTS.

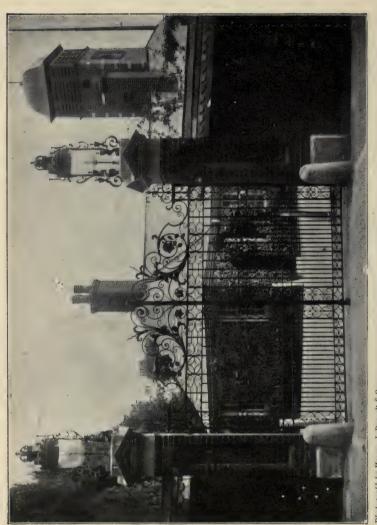


For the second time, on 25th May, the Annual Meeting of the Association was held at the Homes, the Princess of Wales (H.M. Queen Mary) presiding. At the meeting Her Royal Highness



THE QUEEN'S COTTAGE.

paid a visit to the newly-acquired estate of Edenthorpe, now known as "The Queen's Home," and expressed herself much pleased with the Home and grounds.



Photograph by Messrs, J. Russell & Sons 28, Hill Road, Wimbledon.

# 1909.

In consequence of the awkward approach to the Homes and too narrow entrance, new wrought-iron gates were this year erected at the main entrance. The prominent feature is a wreath with the rose, shamrock and thistle, containing in the centre Queen Alexandra's monogram of two crossed A's, and surmounted with the Imperial Crown.

On the piers on either side are wrought-iron lanterns, of filigree work, surmounted by an Imperial Crown and fitted with electric lights.

The work was executed by Hart, Son, Peard & Co., Charing Cross Road.

The laying out of the grounds, making the lawn tennis and croquet courts, the planting of all shrubs, trees, and creepers on the buildings were entirely undertaken and carried out by the staff of gardeners.

# 1910.

# Extract of Letter from Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, President, to Colonel Sir James Gildea, Chairman.

I am glad to see the support which has been given, not only by the members of the Association throughout its different branches, but also by the public, to the Royal Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters, and I sincerely trust this may continue and increase.

ALEXANDRA,

President.

Buckingham Palace, June 10th, 1910.



THE STAFF.

TAKEN IN FRONT OF THE FIRE ESCAPE HOUSE.

The following have been supplied in response to an appeal by the Chairman to make the grounds and buildings homelike and attractive:—

#### GIFTS TO THE HOMES.

# By Colonel Sir James Gildea, K.C.V.O., C.B:

A flagstaff 60 feet high, for which the Admiralty demanded payment of £25; one house flag; one "St. Patrick's" flag; an old sundial on carved stone pedestal ("Let not the sun go down upon thy wrath"); a sundial (dated 1671), inscribed as follows:—

Tyme wanes away as fflowres decaye Beyond ye tombe ffreshe fflowres bloome Soe man shall ryse above ye skyes Amyddst ye fflowres I tell ye houres.

Six wrought-iron tripod stands ("Remember the Birds"). Fifty (self-made) bird-nest boxes

# By the Army Council:

Sixty-three old 9-pounder muzzle-loading guns for protection of gates, roadways, and buildings, and two mounted guns on the upper terrace.

# Flags:

One Union flag by Lieut.-Colonel W. L. Hutchinson, R.A.; one ditto by Mrs. C. E. Lancaster Parkinson; one "St. Andrew's" flag by Mrs. MacDougall.

# Summer-houses from-

General the Right Hon. Sir Dighton Probyn, V.C., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., G.C.S.I., I.S.O., Major-General H T. FitzHugh, "In Memoriam, F. I. C.," Mrs. W. E. Chapman, Churchill W. Coster, Esq., Mrs. Reilly, and "A Queen's Bay."

#### Garden seats:

Two by Anonymous; one by Major-General Begbie, C.B., D.S.O.; one by Clifford Castle, Esq.; one by Churchill W. Coster, Esq.; one by Mrs. George Prescott Douglas: two by Mrs. Gardiner: two by Mrs. G. F. Gildea; one by Mrs. A. M. Grimond; one by Miss Hamilton;

one by Mrs. Humfrey; one "In memory of H. McC."; one by Sir William T. Lewis, Bart.; one by the Misses Lloyd; one by Mrs. Reilly; one by Miss Robinson; two by the Lady Rothschild; one by "A Queen's Bay"; one by Mrs. Tate; one by Mrs. Willans.

#### Garden chairs:

Two by Mrs. Price of "Edenthorpe," Wimbledon.

#### Flower tubs:

Eighty oak flower tubs by Messrs. Barclay, Perkins & Co.

Tennis poles and net:

By Mrs. Fisher.

Badminton set:

By R. Palairet, Esq.

Clock Golf:

By Mrs. Crossby.

Lawn mowing machine:

By Messrs. Ransomes, Sims, and Jefferies, Ltd., of Ipswich.

Grindstone for workshop:

By Miss Swan.

Rose trees, shrubs, bulbs, &c.:

By Friends: -E. S. Agar, Esq.; the Lady Barnard; Messrs. Barr & Sons; Sir Francis Tress Barry, Bart. (the late); the Hon. Mrs. Albert Brassey; Mrs. Granville Browne; E. K. Bruce, Esq.; T. R. Bolitho, Esq.; Mrs. Buchanan; Miss Burnett; Commander Cavendish, R.N.; the Lady Chesham; Lady Clarke (the late); Lady Clay (the late); E. W. Coryton, Esq.; the Countess of Coventry; the Earl of Cranbrook; Lady Aubrey-Fletcher (the late); Sir Francis Fox; Mrs. Gardiner; the Misses Gildea; Mrs. Hamilton; Mrs. Hevgate; Miss Hughes; Miss Edwardes Jones; Mrs. Longstaff; Miss Isobel K. MacAndrew; the late Colonel MacDougall; the Lord O'Neill; Messrs. W. Paul and Son; Dowager Lady Pearce (the late); the Viscountess St. Aldwyn; Mrs. Senhouse; H. Stanley Smith, Esq. (the late); Messrs. Thomson Bros.; Anthony Waterer, Esq. (2nd year); Mrs. Way; James C. S. Williams, Esq. (2nd year); Miss Wilson.

By Lady Residents:—Mrs. Blyth; the late Mrs. Bullen; the late Mrs. Carr; the late Mrs. Castle; Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley Clarke; the late Mrs. Farrant; Mrs. Giles; Miss Hamilton; Miss Hancocke; Mrs. Humfrey; Miss Hutchinson; the Misses Keighley; Mrs. Lecky; Misses Lloyd; Mrs. Luard; Mrs. McCreery; Miss Macintire; Mrs. Mackenzie; the late Mrs. Morgan; Miss Morland; Miss Mould; Mrs. McLeod Nairne; Miss Norris; Miss Peebles; Mrs. Saunders; Mrs. Tatam; Mrs. Tate; Mrs. Willans.

#### Rockery plants:

By General the Right Hon. Sir Dighton Probyn, V.C., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., G.C.S.I., I.S.O.:

A large collection from his own gardens, as also from the gardens of Windsor Castle.

#### THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

By Messrs. W. & D. Downey, of Ebury Street:

Two unframed photogravures of their Majesties the King and Queen in Coronation robes.

By Messrs. C. W. Faulkner & Co., of 79, Golden Lane, E.C.:

Three framed photogravures of His Majesty the King's addresses—(1) "To My People"; (2) "To My People beyond the Seas"; (3) "To the Princes and People of India"; on ascending the Throne, 4th February, 1901.

Pictures for dining hall and reading room:

Sergeant-Major Farrance; Colonel Sir James Gildea, K.C.V.O, C.B.; Miss Mould.

#### READING ROOM.

By Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart. (the late):

A grand piano, by Broadwood; the first fifty volumes of "Punch"; copies of Letters of Queen Victoria

By the late Dowager Lady Graves Sawle:

"Sketches from my Diaries."

Newspapers, magazines, &c., regularly supplied by the proprietors of—The Army and Navy Gazette, The Broad Arrow, The Gentlewoman, The Regiment, United Service Gazette, The World, The Grand Magazine.

# 1912.

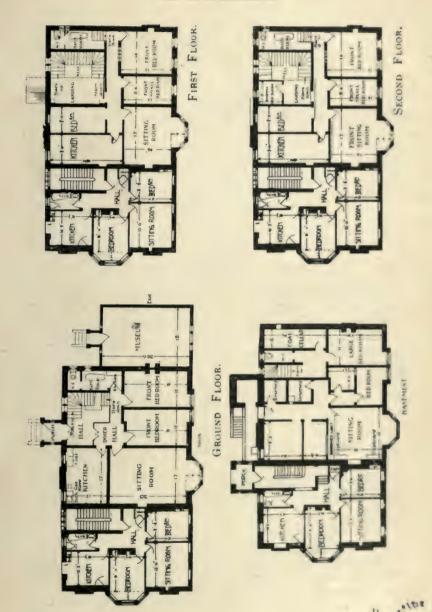


KING EDWARD'S HOUSE.

N.B.—The low building on the right is the Museum and Library.

Towards the close of the year the above freehold property, with a house and grounds of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres, known as "Burfield," late the property of Mr. Wilson, adjoining the Queen's House, came into the market, and was purchased for the sum of £3,750, as a

#### PLAN OF APARTMENTS.



"Memorial to His late Majesty King Edward," and was, by the wish of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, named "King Edward's House."

This was converted into three self-contained apartments, quarters being allocated in the basement for one of the gardeners.

Attached to the House, on the right, was a large billiard room, which was utilised as a Museum and Library for the benefit of all residents in the Homes.

As a further special memorial in honour of His late Majesty, and in the following year an addition of a new wing, added, on the left, provision being thus made for four additional Residents and their families.

A tablet with the following inscription has been placed in the entrance hall:—

#### KING EDWARD'S HOUSE.

This house and freehold property of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres was purchased by the Committee of the Royal Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters (Naval and Military), A.D. 1912, as a Memorial to his late Majesty King Edward VII., who, with Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, opened the Homes on 15th July, 1905.

Colonel Sir James Gildea, K.C.V.O., C.B. (Chairman). The Hon, Lady Fremantle.

LADY CLARKE.

The Right Hon. W. HAYES FISHER, M.P.

Commander H. F. C. CAVENDISH, R.N.

General the Right Hon. Sir DIGHTON PROBYN, V.C., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.V.O., I.S.O. (representing Her Majesty Queen Alexandra).

In these grounds a plot of ground was allocated to those residents of the Homes who desired to have small gardens of their own, and many of whom had previously undertaken to keep the narrow borders in front of their residences in order.

# 1913.

Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, accompanied by the Empress Marie Feodorovna, paid a visit to the Homes on 9th July, especially with the object of inspecting King Edward's House and the Museum and Library attached thereto, which Her Majesty declared open, Subsequently a second tablet was added to that already placed in the entrance hall, with the following inscription:—

#### KING EDWARD'S HOUSE.

"The Memorial Museum and Library attached to this house were opened by Her Majesty Queen Alexandra on the 9th July, 1913."

The following is a copy of a letter addressed to the Press :-

#### King Edward's House.

DEAR SIR, OR MADAM,

WE have lately purchased an adjoining freehold property to the above, as a memorial to His late Majesty King Edward, which will enable us to provide for three more residents and their families, and which, by the wish of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, has been named "King Edward's House."

Attached to the house is a large billiard room, unsuitable for apartments, which we have converted into a Museum and Library, for the benefit of all the residents in the Homes, as a further special memorial to His late Majesty, who, with Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, was present at the opening of the Homes in 1905, in which His Majesty took a special interest, as well as in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, from its foundation in 1885.

Towards this object we appeal with confidence to all who have hithe to cordially responded to this special provision for the widows and daughters of Officers of both Services, to help in having a permanent record in the Homes "In remembrance of King Edward."

With this in view, we would venture to ask your help-

lst. In contributions towards fitting up and furnishing the Museum and Library.

2nd. In framed engravings of distinguished Naval and Military Officers, or eventful battles, war relics, or curiosities.

3rd. In gifts of standard works, especially of biography, history, travel, or general literature

We also hope to obtain portraits, as well as a replica of one of the best busts of His late Majesty.

All contributions and gifts will be included in the annual report of the Officers' Branch. Copies of this letter will be forwarded on application to any who wish to help by making the same known to their friends.

# Yours very truly,

D. M. PROBYN, General.

JAMES GILDEA, Colonel.

23, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, S.W. 4th April, 1913.

The following amounts were received in response to the above appeal towards fitting and furnishing the Museum and Library:—

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Admiral Sir N. Bowden-Smith, K.C.B	5	5	0
Mrs. W. E. Chapman	5	0	0
Victoria, Countess of Yarborough		0	0
Mrs. Gardiner	3	3	0
Miss Florence Howell	3	3	0
Mrs. Robert Burd		2	0
Colonel and Mrs. Lewis A. Hope	2	2	0
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Surgeon-Colonel D. E. Hughes	_	_	_		1	1	0
J. S. Lambley, Esq	_	_	-		1	1	0
Sir William J. Lancaster	_	-	_		1	1	0
Major-General H. Lock -	-	_		_	1	1	0
Major-General A. K. Rideout -	-	-	_		1	1	0
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# 1914.

During the month of July a largely attended meeting of the Treloar Cripples' Hospital at Alton was held in the grounds of the Homes, at which Queen Amelia presided.

After taking tea in the Dining Hall, the Queen, accompanied by the Chairman (Colonel Sir James Gildea), inspected several of the apartments, and visited the King Edward's Museum, where, before leaving, Her Majesty unveiled a bust of King Edward, being a replica of one executed especially for Queen Alexandra by Mr. Bryant Baker, of 404B, Fulham Road, and presented to the Museum by Seth Sukhall Karnani of Sirsa (Punjab) and Calcutta (Bengal).



BRONZE BUST OF KING EDWARD VII., ON OAK PEDESTAL.

By P. Bryant Baker, of 404B, Fulham Road.

Presented by The Seth Sukhall Karnani Sahib of Sirsa (Punjab)

and Calcutta (Bengal).



BRONZE MEDALLION OF KING EDWARD VII., IN OAK FRAME.

By Professor Tony Szirmaï, of 112, Boulevard Malesherbes, Paris.

Presented by the Sculptor and Mr. Henry Trüb, of The Gordon Hotels, Ltd.,

Cannes and Monte Carlo.

And in addition to the above, the following Gifts:-

By Professor Tony Szirmaï, sculptor, of Paris, and Mr. Henry Trüb, of the London Hotels, Ltd., Cannes and Monte Carlo:

Bronze replica medallion of King Edward VII. at Cannes, in oak frame.

By the Merchant Taylors' Company:

Medal of King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

By the Royal Society of Arts: Medal of King Edward VII.

By Miss Swan: Clock.

By Mrs. Paske:

Musket from Nigeria, Buddhist Bible, hippopotamus hide stick from West Africa, women's hand gloves from Nigeria, two daggers from West Africa, two arrows from Nigeria, and Burmese gong.

By the late Mrs. Morgan:

A South Sea Island flute and Dyak sword

By the late Mrs. Washington Smith: The Koran.

By Miss Peebles:
A Burmese hat.

By Mrs. Dodds:

A Mauser rifle.

By Major J. de H. Smith, on Mrs. Washington Smith's decease:
Side Drum and two Bugles taken by Dervishes from Hicks
Pasha's army and recaptured at Omdurman; Central African
Drum, leather Shield, Bow and Powder Horn; two brass

Bracelets and Nigerian money; three Leopard Skulls.

By Mrs. Bor. Taken in Sofar Expedition, 1893-4:

Rifle (bolt action), sword and bayonet; war horn, powder horn, medicine man's horn water bottle, charm on leather girdle, copy of Koran inside leather pad, slave's iron anklet, sacrificial bowl for blood of victim, native musical horn, poisoned arrow.

By Mrs. L'Estrange:

Blunderbuss and five duelling Pistols, flintlocks.

By Colonel Sir James Gildea:

Stone, with shields and arms, dug by him when laying out the grounds of Queen Alexandra's Court in 1904.

By Mrs. Saunders:

Photograph of Queen Victoria and King Edward; picture of Duchess of Kent.

By Miss Mould:

Photograph of F.M. The Duke of Connaught.

By Colonel Sir James Gildea:

Framed letters of King Edward, 10th February, 1901: 1. "To My People"; 2. "To the Princes and People of India"; 3. "To My People beyond the Seas"; framed letter of Queen Alexandra of thanks for the nation's sympathy, 10th May, 1910; framed letter of King George, on H.M. Accession, 22nd May, 1910; two photographs of eighteen members of the S. & S. F. A.

By Mrs. Bateman:

Photograph of 7th Earl of Albemarle.

Additional Gifts to King Edward's Museum and Library.

By Messrs. Graves & Co.:

Engraving of King Edward VII., by R. Caton Woodville; engraving of King Edward VII., by Sir Luke Fildes, R.A.

By P. Tennyson Cole, N.B.A., R.C.I.:

Engraving of King Edward VII., by P. Tennyson Cole, N B.A., R.C.I.

By Arthur S. Cope, R.A.:

Engraving of King Edward VII., by Arthur S. Cope, R.A.

By General Forster:

Framed picture of King George V.

By the Dowager Viscountess Wolseley:

Photograph of Field-Marshal Viscount Wolseley.

By Miss Jacob:

The Meeting of Wellington and Blücher; Nelson on Board the "San Joseph"; Nelson's Last Signal at Trafalgar.

By Mrs. Shortrede:

Lord Napier of Magdala, Burbar Pass, Kuller, Cooner Ghat.

# PRESENTED TO THE LIBRARY, KING EDWARD'S HOUSE.

From Her Majesty Queen Alexandra:

Forty-five bound volumes of the Revue des deux Mondes, 1864 to 1909; thirty-eight bound volumes of The Fortnightly Review, 1871 to 1909—all with Her Majesty's monogram outside, and book plate inside; also seventy-six sundry volumes.

From Colonel Sir James Gildea, K.C.V.O., C.B.:

The Morning, Noonday and Eventide of Life, by Rachel C. Gildea.

The Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

For King and Country.

For Remembrance.

King Edward VII. The Peacemaker, Vol. 1.

Historical Work of the S. & S.F.A., from 1885 to 1916.

History of The Royal Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters, 1899 to 1918.

And 500 sundry volumes.

		VOLS.			V	OLS.
Dowager	Viscounte	SS	Miss Crawford			10
Wolseley		144	The Hon. Lady	Frema	ntle	9
Miss Maulever		30	Mrs. Arkwright			8
Miss Fitzgerald		27	Miss Anderson			6
The Misses Gild	lea .	25	Mrs. Bor	• • •		- 6
Mrs. Henderson		22	General Forster			5
Miss Jacob		22	Mrs. Bateman			5
Mrs. Shortrede		22	Miss Hamilton			3
Mrs. Crofton		17	Miss Peebles			2
Mrs. Paske		17	The late Mrs. Me	organ		2
Miss Napier		14				

A small addition of a bay window has been made to the Library and Museum attached to King Edward's House, under which is a stone with the following inscription:—

This Bay Window Has been added as a Memorial

to

# KING EDWARD VII.

by

Major-General H.H. Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior, G.C.S.I., G.C.V.O., A.D.C.

1916.

# WOUNDED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

During the autumn and winter three entertainments were given at the Homes. The first to 35 wounded men from the 2nd Division London Military Hospital, St. Mark's College, Chelsea, organised by Miss Napier and several of the lady residents, the

chief attraction being a Musical Entertainment in the dining hall, at which Miss Grainger Kerr and Mr. Campbell McInnes, accompanied by Mr. Geoffrey O'Connor-Morris, well-known artistes from London, kindly gave their services.

The second, to 35 wounded men from Queen Alexandra's Hospital, Millbank, organised by Miss Mauleverer, Mrs. Wyatt and other lady residents, at which also Miss Rooke, Miss Rook, Madame Lane (Edith Fulford), Mr. Gale and Miss Julia Huntsman, kindly gave their services.

The third, on 30th December, to 35 wounded men from the 2nd Division London Military Hospital, St. Mark's College, Chelsea, organised by Miss Napier and Mrs. Lindon, at which the following well-known artistes kindly gave their services:—Soprano, Miss Theodora Hess; Tenor, Mr. Hirwin Jones; Violinist, Miss Margery Gunn; Accompanists, Miss Kate Coates and Mr. Charles Collett.

N.B.—It was much to be regretted that, in consequence of no wounded sailors being located in London, none were present.

Also on 17th June 1918, a social meeting at the initiation of Mrs. Ensor, a resident, and arranged by the Rev. D. C. Macgregor, was held in the grounds, chiefly consisting of mothers and relatives of men taking part in the present war.

# LADY SMITH DORRIEN'S HOSPITAL BAGS.

Some 300 hospital bags have been made by many of the residents and forwarded to Lady Smith Dorrien.

The loss of two gardeners, on account of the war, out of the three required for the upkeep of the buildings and grounds, has been very serious, and has only been met by the Superintendent, Sergeant-Major Farrance, with his other duties, having undertaken those of a second gardener, the duty of attending to the telephone, and callers at the office during the day, devolving upon Mrs. Farrance.



THE SUPERINTENDENT (SERGEANT-MAJOR) AND MRS. FARRANCE,

# 1917.

# KING GEORGE'S HOUSE.

At the close of the year the last adjoining freehold property of Addington, with a mansion and grounds of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres, the residence of the late Mr. H. Stanley Smith, was purchased for the sum of £5,000, thus completing the area of the Royal Homes, now surrounded by roads, north, south, east and west.

Unfortunately, in consequence of the war, and the shortage of labour and material, permission cannot be obtained from the Minister of Munitions to have the same converted into self-



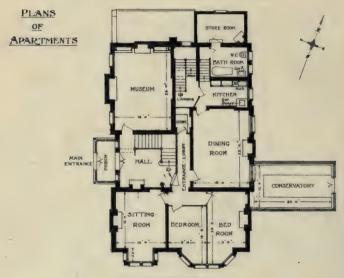
KING GEORGE'S HOUSE, FROM THE GARDENS.

contained apartments, but the following plans have been prepared to carry out the same for four suites, including one in the adjoining cottage.

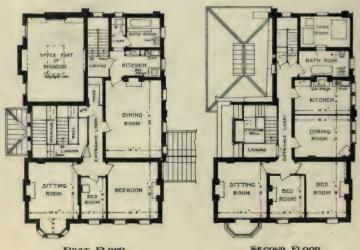
By permission of His Majesty this property will henceforth be known as "King George's House," and at the request of Queen Alexandra the adjoining house "The Founder's Cottage."

# PLAN OF APARTMENTS IN KING GEORGE'S HOUSE.

# KING GEORGE'S HOUSE.



GROUND FLOOR.



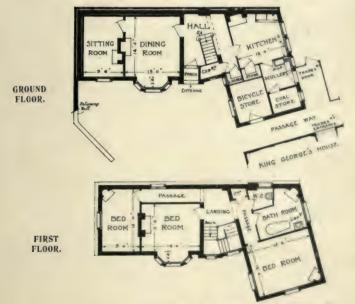
FIRST FLOOR.

SECOND FLOOR.

# THE FOUNDER'S COTTAGE



SKETCH OF THE FOUNDER'S COTTAGE ADJOINING.



PLAN OF APARTMENTS IN THE FOUNDER'S COTTAGE.

In the meantime, a large billiard room, unsuitable for apartments, has been converted into a museum, and an appeal made similar to that for King Edward's Museum, see pages 51 and 52.

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# "KING GEORGE'S HOUSE."

I have much pleasure in enclosing a cheque for £ towards fitting up and furnishing the Museum at the above.

(Please give designation)
Address
Cheques (crossed Coutts & Co.) to be made payable to "James Gildea," 23, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, S.W.1.
"KING GEORGE'S HOUSE."
I have much pleasure in informing you that I have forwarded o care of The Superintendent, "King George's House," Queen Alexandra's Court, Wimbledon, S.W. 19, the following as per list to back.
(Please gire designation)
Address
To Colonel Sir James Gildea, K.C.V.O., C.B.,
23, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, S.W.1.

#### NOTE.

Please, if responding, use Forms "A" and "B" on next page.
All Contributions and Gifts will be given in the next Annual
Report.

# King George's Museum.

To this Appeal the following amounts have been already received:—

	£	N.	d.
Colonel Sir James Gildea, K.C.V.O., C.B., half portion			
of sale of the "Historical Record of the Work of			
the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families" Association			
from 1885 to 1916	100	0	0
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(A similar grant of £100 having been made to the General Fund of the Association).

Henry Trüb, Es	q., The	Gordo	on H	otels,	Ltd.,	Me	onte			
Carlo -		-		-	=	-	-	10	10	0
Fitz Reiss, Esq.		-	•	-	-	-	2	10	0	0
Miss Robinson		-	-	-	-	-	-	5	()	0
Mrs. Gardiner			-	-	-	-	-	2	2	0
General Horne,	C.B.	-		-	-	-		0	10	0

And the following Gifts:---

By Her Majesty Queen Alexandra:-

Three Oil Facsims: Dickens' Coaching Pictures by A. Ludovicci, offered to Her Majesty by Sir Adolph Tuck, Bart. (Messrs. Raphael Tuck & Sons, Ltd.), who presented them to the Museum.

1. Nicholas Nickleby's Departure for Dotheboys Hall.

"'Very glad to make your acquaintance, miss,' said Squeers, raising his hat an inch or two. I wish Mrs. Squeers took gals, and we had you for a teacher. I don't know though whether she mightn't grow jealous if we had. Ha! ha! ha!' Nicholas Nickleby, Chapter 5.

Mr. Pickwick, His Friends and Mr. Alfred Jingle start for Rochester.

"'Up with you,' said the stranger, assisting Mr. Pickwick on the roof with so much precipitation as to impair the gravity of that gentleman's deportment very materially."

The Pickwick Papers, Chapter 2 3. The Pickwickians leaving the "Golden Cross" for Rochester.

"Heads, heads—take care of your heads! cried the loquacious stranger, as they came out under the low archway, which in those days formed the entrance to the coachyard. Terrible place—dangerous work—other day—five children—mother—tall lady, eating sandwiches—forgot the arch—crash—knock—children look round—mother's head off—sandwich in her hand—no mouth to put it in—head of a family off—shocking, shocking!"

The Pickwick Papers, Chapter 1.

# Also the following:-

"The Land of Heather," by E. Walbourne; "Gondola," by L. Allegre; "Sanctuary," by P. E. Stretton; "Where the salt sea breaks," by H. B. Wimbush; "Morning: Isle of Arran," by J. McWhirter.

By Mrs. Stanley Smith (late of Addington):

A large framed picture, 7 ft. 10 ins. by 5 ft. 4 ins.: "The Desecrated Sanctuary (Stonehenge)," by Deighton.

By Colonel Sir Thomas Hungerford Holdich, K.C.M.G., K.C.I.E., C.B., D.S.C. (Hon.) Cantab, R.E.

Unframed—Photograph of the King of the Belgians; "Conway Castle;" "Harlech Castle, Merionethshire;" "Kenilworth Castle, as it appeared in 1620;" Specimen plate from "The Edition de Luxe." Archery.

By Colonel Sir James Gildea, K.C.V.O., C.B.:

Framed Photographs—F.M. Earl Roberts, V.C., K.P., G.C.B., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., O.M.; F.M. Viscount Wolseley, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., O.M.; F.M. Lord French, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., LL.D. (Hon.) Cantab, D.C.D. (Hon.) Oxon; F.M. Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., D.C.L.; Lieut.-General Sir Robert S. S. Baden-Powell, K.C.B., K.C.V.O.

# THE ROYAL HOMES FOR OFFICERS' WIDOWS AND DAUGHTERS.

# LADIES ELECTED TO THE HOMES NOW IN RESIDENCE, EXCLUSIVE OF THEIR FAMILIES.

Order of Election and Date.		Relationship.	Rank and Services of Husband or Father.		
5	Oct. 1900	-	Widow	Senior Engineer, Royal Navy; 21 years' service; Abyssinian Medal; died while serving.	
8	**	-	Daughter -	Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals; Bengal Staff Corps; died while serving.	
11	,,	-	Widow	Major-General; 23 years' service; Medal for first Ashanti War.	
12	Feb. 1901	-	Daughter	Major-General, Royal Artillery; 51 years' service; served in American War.	
14	Sept. 1904	-	Widow	Brevet-Major, Black Watch; V.C., Crimea, Turkish, Mutiny, and Ashanti Medals; 22 years' service; died while serving.	
18	,,	-	Daughter -	Captain, Royal Marines; 43 years' service; served at Trafalgar, Copenhagen, and on the Walcheren Expedition; died while serving.	
23	29	-	29	Chaplain, Royal Navy.	
26	June 1905	-	33	Lieutenant-Colonel, 25th Regiment and 5th Fusiliers; 46 years' service.	
28	12	-	Widew	Captain, 94th Regiment; killed in action in the Boer War 1880.	
29	59	-	Daughter	Lieutenant-Colonel and Paymaster, 60th Rifles; 44 years' service.	
32	19	-	Widow	Staff-Commander, Royal Navy; 20 years' service: Abyssinian Medal.	
39	,,		29	Major-General, 11th Regiment; 51 years'	
42	99	-	Daughter	Surgeon, H.E.I.C.S.; 22 years' service; died while serving.	
43	29	•	29	Colonel, Madras Artillery; 35 years' service; Medal for Burma (1826).	
44	"	-	,,	Captain, 59th Regiment; Medals for both Indian Rebellions (Canada).	
45	27	-	Widow	Inspecting Veterinary Surgeon, Army Veterinary Department; 25 years service.	
46	19	٠	Daughter -	Lieutenant-Colonel, 13th, 62nd, and 64th Regiments; 35 years' service; Medals for Burma (1826), Ferozeshah. and Mutiny; died while serving.	
49	,,	-	Widow	Commander, Royal Navy; 26 years' service; Baltic, Crimea, and Turkish Medals.	
51	,,		Daughter -	Lieutenant-Colonel, Madras Infantry; 23 years' service.	
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# Officers' Branch—cont.

# LADY RESIDENTS—cont.

(	Order of Election and Date.	n	Relationship.		Rank and Services of Husband or Father.
52	June 1905	-	Daughter -	-	General (Colonel Commandant), R.E.; 40 years' service.
53	13	-	,, -	-	Commander, Royal Navy; 31 years' service; Syria (1840), Crimea and Turkish Medals.
54	,,	-	Widow -	-	Lieutenant-Colonel and Staff Paymaster 19th Regiment and Army Pay Depart- ment; 44 years' service; Medals for
57	29		99 · · ·	-	Hazara (1868), Jowaki, and Afghanistan. Captain, North Staffordshire Regiment; Zulu War Medal (1879); died while serving.
58	2)	•	Daughter -	-	Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals, Army Medical Department; 45 years' service; Crimea and Turkish Medals.
61	July 1905	-	Widow -	-	Fleet-Paymaster, Royal Navy; 31 years' Service; Baltic Medal.
62	April 1906	-	,, -	-	Major, The Queen's; Medals for Ghuznee (1842) and Maharajpoor (1843).
63	ý	-	Daughter -	-	LieutGeneral, 4th King's Own; 46 years' service; Crimea, Mutiny, and Abys-
64	May 1906	-	,,, -	-	sinian Medals. Lieutenant, 12th Lancers; died on active
66	June 1906	-	Widow -	-	service in the Mutiny. Captain, 33rd Regiment; 18 years' service; died while serving.
68	Nov. 1906		» ·	-	Staff Paymaster, Royal Navy; 26 years' service.
72	May 1907	-	,, -	-	Captain, 30th Regiment; 22 years' service.
73	June 1907	-	,, -	-	Staff-Commander, Royal Navy.
75	Dec. 1907	-	19 **	-	Major, West Yorkshire Regiment; 23 years' service; died while serving.
78	March 1908	-	22	-	Fleet Paymaster, Royal Navy; 22 years'
79	July 1908	-	Daughter -	-	service. General, late King's Own Scottish Border- ers; 50 years' service; Crimea and Mu- tiny Medals.
84	July 1909	-	Widow -	-	Major-General, 64th North Staffordshire Regiment; 40 years' service; Medals for Persia (1855) and Indian Mutiny.
85	**	-	,, -	-	Major, 109th Regiment; 15 years' service; died while serving.
87	Sept. 1909	-	Daughter -	-	Commander, Royal Navy; 20 years' ser-
88	Dec. 1909		Widow -	-	vice. Surgeon-Captain, Indian Medical Service; died while serving; Abyssinia and
					Afghan Medals,

### OFFICERS' BRANCH—cont.

### LADY RESIDENTS-cont.

Order of Election and Date.		Relationship.	Rank and Services of Husband or Father.		
92	Aug. 1911		Daughter	Major-General, Madras Army; 45 years' service.	
93	Sept. 1911	-	Widow	Captain, 83rd and 107th Regiments.	
94	Feb. 1912	-	29	Paymaster, Royal Navy; 26 years' service.	
95	;,	-		Lieutenant-Colonel, R.M.L.I.; 31 years' service; Medal for Witu Expedition.	
96	May 1912	0	,,	Staff-Captain, Royal Navy; 39 years service; Medal for China War, 1859.	
97	Sept. 1912	-	,,	C 1 D 7 2 36 1 00 1	
98	Oct. 1912	-	,,		
100	April 1913	-	,,	Captain and Hon. Major, 70th East Surrey Regiment; 20 years' service; Egyptian Medal and Star, Medjidie and Osmanieh.	
101	May 1913	-	,,	Army Chaplain (1st Class); 26 years' service.	
102	>>	-	Daughter	Colonel, 96th Manchester Regiment; 40 years' service.	
103	June 1913	**	22 * *	Mujor-General, Indian Army; 45 years' service.	
104	,,	-	,,	Colonel, 29th Bengal N.I.; 30 years' service.	
107	April 1914	-	,,	Major-General, R.É.; C.B., Medals for Crimea(English, Turkish and Sardinian); Fenian Raid, 1868; Zulu War, 1879; 42 years' service.	
108	Aug. 1914	-	Widow	Lieutenant-Colonel, 55th and 8th Regi- ments; China Medal, 1842; Siege of Delhi; Medal and Brevet Major.	
109	93	•	29 . * *	Paymaster, R.N.	
110	99	-	Daughter	Major-General, Bengal Staff Corps; Indian Mutiny; Storming of Delhi; Nepaul War; Medal and Clasps.	
111	Oct. 1914	-	Widow	Major, West Yorkshire; D.S.O.; South African War, 1899, 1901; 2 Medals, 5 Clasps.	
112	29	-	,,	Lieutenant-Colonel, 1st Manchester Regi- ment.	
113	21	•	,,	Lieutenant - Colonel Staff l'aymaster; 3 Medals, 4 Clasps.	

### Officers' Branch-cont.

### LADY RESIDENTS—cont.

Or	rder of Election and Date.	Relationship.	Rank and Services of Husband or Father.
115	Feb. 1915 -	Widow	Captain, Army Medical Corps.
116	May 1915 -	Daughter	Lieutenant, Royal Horse Artillery; killed at the Battle of Chilianwallah, 13th January 1849.
117	May 1915 -	Widow	Lieutenant-Colonel, West India Regiment; Operation against the Sofas, 1893-4; Medal and Clasp.
118	July 1915	Daughter	Colonel, 30th Regiment; Crimean Medal and Clasps; Medjidieh; Legion of Honour.
119	29.	Widow	Captain, R.A.; Crimean and Turkish Medals.
120	Oct. 1915 -	Daughter	Captain, 38th Madras Native Infantry.
121	21 ~~	Widow	Lieutenant-Colonel, R.A., and Scots Greys.
122	Aug. 1916 -	,,	Lieutenant, 3rd Hussars; Major, Com- mander-in-Chief's Body Guard; Staff Officer with Plumer's Force, 1892; Matebele and Boer War, 1896; South Africa War, 1899-1901; 2 Medals, 4 Claps.
123	Sept. 1916 -	"	Colonel, R.E.; 35 years' service.
124	Mar. 1917	Daughter -	Lieutenaut, 3rd Bengal Cavalry; both Sutlej Campaigns; 2 Medals.
125	June 1917 -	,, -	Colonel, The Queen's; C.B., Medals for Abyssinia and Burma; 39 years' service.
126	June 1918 -	19	Major, 6th Madras Native Infantry.
127	29 ~~	99 ~	Inspecting Veterinary Surgeon, Army Veterinary Department; Afghan War, 1878-9; Medal.

Note.—The numbers in first column omitted, viz., 1 to 4 and so on, are those who have either died in the Homes or resigned.

DEATHS AND RESIGNATIONS OF RESIDENTS SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HOMES IN 1899.

### The Royal Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters, Queen Alexandra's Court, Wimbledon.

### SUMMARY OF COSTS OF PURCHASES, BUILDINGS AND ADDITIONS.

		L	L
1899 to 1902: Elm Park Mansions, Chelsea	Rent		1,515
1903 to 1907: "Broghill" (Queen Alexandra's Court)	Purchase	6,120	
	Buildings	52,234	
			58,354
1908 to 1911: "Edenthorpe," The Queen's House -	Purchase	3,421	
•	Buildings	1,742	
			5,163
1912 to 1916: "Burfield," King Edward's House	Purchase	3,784	
	Buildings	4,140	
			7,924
1917 to 1918: "Addington," King George's House	Purchase	5,200	
	Buildings	5,500	
			10,700
		-	
			83,656

RATES, TAXES AND UPKEEP.	
Queen Alexandra's Court  Queen Alexandra's Court and The Queen's House	2,896 3,891
Queen Alexandra's Court, The Queen's House and King Edward's House	4,757
Queen Alexandra's Court, The Queen's House, King Edward's House and King George's House	
1917 : £1,250 Estimate, 1918 : £1,250	2,500 14,044
	96,760

# THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FAMILIES ASSOCIATION.

(The Officers' Branch.) ESTABLISHED 1886.

# THE ROYAL HOMES FOR OFFICERS' WIDOWS AND DAUGHTERS (NAVAL AND MILITARY).

ESTABLISHED 1899.

the Council have decided not to publish the addresses of Subscribers, and to entrust to the Sub-committee the selection of In consequence of the many objections to canvassing for Votes, especially the expense incurred by Candidates, the most suitable Candidates.

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N.B.—Please add address, so that a Report of this Branch may be sent every year.  The same will not be published, for the reasons stated above.		

Donations and Annual Subscriptions may be paid to the Treasurer, The Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, at the Head Office, 23, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, S.W. 1. Cheques and Postal Orders should be crossed "Coutts Annual Subscriptions, which can also be paid by Banker's Order, are due on the 1st of January in each [This Form, if used, to be returned to the Treasurer, Soldiers' and Sailors' Fumilies Association, 23, Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, S.W. 1.]

(The Officers' Branch.)

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THE ROYAL HOMES FOR OFFICERS' WIDOWS AND DAUGHTERS

NAVAL AND MILITARY).

[ESTABLISHED 1899.]

BANKERS' ORDER for Annual Subscriptions.

day of

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Here insert name of Subscriber's own Bank.

Please pay Messrs. Coutts & Co., 440, Strand, W.C. 2, now and annually until further my Annual Subscription to The Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, Officers' Branch, No. 2 notice, on the 1st of January, the sum of Account.

Please affix Rank or Title to Signature and address. 7. N.B.-This order entails no liability beyond the Annual Payment, and may be withdrawn at any time.

The above Forms will be supplied an application.

### LEGACIES.

		£	8.	d.
1903.	The late S. E. Pyne, Esq	2,500	0	0
1904.	The late Mrs. Augustus Darling	500	0	0
1905.	The late C. H. Lear, Esq., per H.M. Queen			
	Alexandra	3,000	0	0
1905.	The late Miss A. L. Gedge	10	0	0
1908.	The late Mrs. J. L. W. Jones	100	0	0
1909.	The late S. E. Moore, Esq. (of Philadelphia,			
*	U.S.A.)	3,691	13	2
1910.	Ditto	1,920	0	0 :
1910.	The late Mrs. Evans	1,350	0	0
1910.	The late George Moss, Esq	550	θ	0
1911.	Ditto ditto	150	0	0
1911.	The late S. E. Moore, Esq	105	1	0
1912.	The late Miss P. R. Hanbury	10	10	0
1912.	The late George Moss, Esq	150	0	0
1912.	The late S. E. Moore, Esq	1,480	9	5
1913.	The late George Moss, Esq	195	10	8
1914.	The late Dowager Lady Graves-Sawle -	100	0	0
1915.	The late Miss C. Dobell	50	0	0
1915.	The late Mrs. E. J. Haddon Smith	50	0	0



### TRUSTEES.

F.M. H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught, K.G. The Duke of Devonshire, K.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O. Colonel Sir James Gildea, K.C.V.O., C.B.

### FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Treasurer, for the time being, of "The Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association" the sum of \*

pounds sterling (free of Duty), the same to be applied towards the purposes of the Officers' Branch and The Royal Houses of the Association; and I direct that the receipt of the person who shall be Treasurer of the Association at the time when the above legacy is paid shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

. The sum bequeathed to be expressed in words at length





### APPENDIX.



### FOR

## KING AND COUNTRY.

Being a Record of Funds and Philanthropic Work in connection with the South African War, 1899–1902.

BY

### COLONEL SIR JAMES GILDEA, K.C.V.O., C.B.,

4th Battalion (Reserve) The Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Chairman and Treasurer

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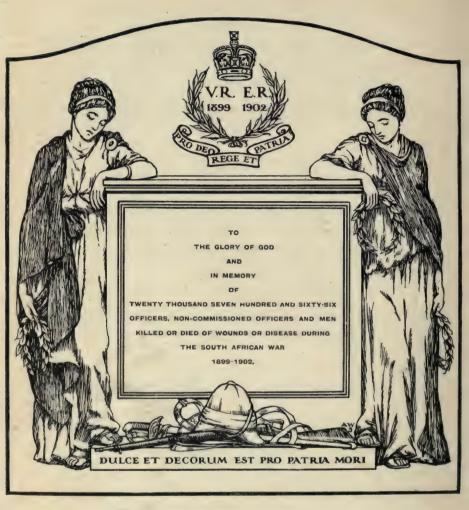
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- "'In Memoriam. King Edward VII., the Peacemaker, 1841-1910' is the title of a sumptuous volume published to-day by Messrs. Eyre & Spottiswoode, Ltd. The author is Colonel Sir James Gildea, and the profits arising from the sale of the work, after the cost of publication has been covered, will be devoted to a most worthy charity-the Royal Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters at Wimbledon in connection with the Officers' Branch of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, Queen Anne's-gate, Westminster. The book is dedicated to Queen Alexandra, and Sir James Gildea explains that it is intended in no way to be a 'life' of King Edward or an authoritative record of his late Majesty's reign. The volume partakes rather of the nature of a complete diary of events, and constitutes a valuable precis of all noteworthy incidents in the life-story of him whose all too brief reign shed fresh lustre on the British Empire. The work as a whole is full of interesting information of historic value, and contains many portraits and illustrations. Sir James Gildea's modest claim that it may be accepted as evidence of how strenuously King Edward devoted himself to the good of his people and the Empire from his earliest days is amply justified. The published price is two and a half guineas, and every purchaser has the satisfaction of knowing that he is helping a naval and military charity, on behalf of which no public appeal has been made since the present war began."—The Morning Post.
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"This elaborate and sumptuous volume appears under the highest auspices, and will devote its proceeds to one of the worthiest of causes. It was the idea of Queen Alexandra herself that a representative volume should be prepared, dealing historically and pictorially with all the memorials that have been erected all the world over in honour of his late Majesty King Edward VII., and it was a wise provision of the Queen-Mother to entrust the task to the competent hands of Colonel Sir James Gildea, K.C.V.O., C.B. For not only has the gallant author collected a remarkable record of the world-wide tributes to the affection and regard in which the late King was held by all nations of the civilised globe; he has also written a very full and comprehensive summary of the principal events of King Edward's life—a summary so complete as to constitute an invaluable work of reference for all who are interested in the history of our times. The work could not have been done in a more thorough, competent, and devoted spirit, and all public and private libraries of any pretension throughout the country will find this splendid volume an indispensable addition to their shelves. The fact, moreover, that the profits are to be devoted to the Royal Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters at Wimbledon—a most deserving institution, with which the author's name is closely associated as the Founder—gives it still further claim upon the attention of the loyal.

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